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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POWER PLANTS IN ARMENIAN AND GEORGIAN SSR'S

ARMENIAN ELECTRIFICATION ADVANCES -- Kommunist, No 178, 29 Jul 1948

Work is now beginning on the construction of 20 large- and small-scale hydroelectric power plants in the Armenian SSR kolkhoz electrification plan. The GES building and pressure basin at the Madina GES in Martuni have been constructed, and equipment for the plant is now being assembled. Martuni and ten nearby kolkhozes will be supplied with electric power by the end of 1948. The 400-kilowatt Aygedzor GES will furnish power to kolkhozes of the villages of Aygedzor, Ergi, Chinari, Kulami, Verkhniy Karmir "agbyur," and Choratan, as well as the tobacco-curing plant. All construction work on the feeder canal, the head installation, the pressure basin, and the GES building is nearing completion, and the equipment for the plant has been ordered. Surveying work for the Veli GES, which will supply power to kolkhozes of the villages of Akhum, Touz, Navur, and others, will begin in a few days. "Armenergo" (Armenian Power) Trust is planning the Veli GES. All kolkhozes of Shamsbadinskiy Rayon will be provided with electric facilities by the end of 1949 from the construction of three power plants, in Derd, Aygedzor, and Veli, having a total capacity of more than 710 kilowatts. Two mikroGES were put into operation in June by the trust in the villages of Paravakar and Tsakhkavan.

Rural areas in Basargecharskiy Rayon are also being provided with electric power. A large 400-kilowatt GES is being constructed near the village of Tuskhyuli, 3 kilometers from Basargechar. This station will supply power to all kolkhozes of Basargecharskiy Rayon. Four kolkhozes and Basargechar will be supplied with power by the end of 1948. "Armbzryvprom" (Armenian Demolition Industry) has been ordered to send one compressor to the construction of the Basargechar GES, and the Ministry of the Automobile Industry has been ordered by a decree of the Soviet of Ministers Armenian SSR to send 100 tons of cement and 100 cubic meters of lumber. There is a GES in the village of Karchagbyur and a mikroGES in the village of Verkhniy Karakoyun which were put into operation in June. Independent radio broadcasting and receiving stations will be set up here in the near future.

Construction work has begun on the Azatek GES in the Daralagezskiy Pass on the shore of the Arpa River. The plant will be completed in 1949 and will

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have 900 kilowatt-hours' capacity. By the end of 1949, all kolkhozes in Azjakevovskiy Rayon will receive electric power from the Azatek GES.

The Areni GES, with a capacity of 750 kilowatts, is under construction in Mikoyanskiy Rayon. It will supply power to part of the kolkhozes in Mikoyanskiy Rayon and all kolkhozes of the Chanakhchinskiy and Karakhachskiy subrayons of Karabakhlar'skiy Rayon. A second section will be added to the present Koytur GES. Eleven kolkhozes in Mikoyanskiy Rayon will be supplied with electric power by the end of 1948.

"Armsel'elektro" (Armenian Agricultural Electrification) Trust has started work on the electrification of the kolkhoz in Borisovka and the other ten kolkhozes of Sisianskiy Rayon. A 100-kilowatt transformer is being installed in Borisovka which will provide electric power for all labor-consuming processes in the agriculture of the region.

A rayon substation is being constructed in Akhkend'skiy Subrayon which, together with the Shaki GES, will be able to supply power to more than 19 kolkhozes of the subrayon. Construction of the Akner GES will begin in August in Goris at the source of the Akner River. This new plant will take some of the burden off the already overworked Goris GES.

Every Armenian SSR rayon and kolkhoz has started work on the construction of electric power facilities. Ten kolkhozes are being equipped with electricity in Oktember'yanskiy Rayon, and a 1,000-kilowatt rayon substation is being assembled which will supply power to all kolkhozes of Armavir'skiy Subrayon. Excavation work will soon begin for the 1,800-kilowatt Oktember'yanskiy GES which will supply power to consumers throughout all of Oktember'yanskiy Rayon and to part of Echmiadzin'skiy Rayon. The "Armsel'elektro" Trust is not supplying the plans and estimates to all projects on schedule, but is assisting "Armenergo," the Ministry of Communal Economy, and other organizations in planning. "Armgidep" (Armenian Hydroelectric Power Planning), "Gosproyekt" (State planning), and "Vodoproyekt" are not fulfilling the Soviet of Ministers' decree concerning rural electrification.

"Armsel'elektro" has been supplied with low-voltage insulators, installation materials, power transformers, posts, and other equipment. Production of equipment for the pressure pipe lines of the Apker GES, the Martunin GES, and the Basargochar GES will be done by the agricultural equipment and metal structures plant of the Ministry of Local Industry. (From an article by G. Sarkisyan, director, "Armsel'elektro" Trust.)

PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION OF GYUMUSH GES -- Kommunist, No 178, 29 Jul 48

The Eylar construction section of the "Gyumushgestroy" (Construction of the Gyumush GES) Trust is one of the most important sections in the trust. It has been responsible for the construction of a number of important projects, including the railroad, electric transmission lines, the power terminal, and the housing settlement. Workers of the section fulfilled the 6-month plan for construction-assembly work 135.8 percent. The average productivity of each worker was 131 percent per day. Construction of the Yerevan-Eylar section of the railroad is going full speed. A total of 90,000 cubic meters of ground work was done during the last 6 months.

Construction of the reinforced-concrete arch bridge over the railroad on the Prospekt imeni Mikoyan will be completed this year. A bridge is also being constructed over the Canal imeni Kirov. In connection with the construction of underpasses at the intersections of the railroad and the Yerevan-Sevan main highway 1,500 meters of road are being built. Work has begun on the installation of metal poles for power lines on the Kanaker GES-Alapars section. This work will be completed in the third quarter. A total of 100 poles have been installed and concreted, each weighing from 3-7.5 tons. The "Lusaberd" housing

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settlement for construction workers of the power terminal is to be completed in 1948. The settlement will be composed of 30 two-apartment houses. The Eylar section was awarded the Red Banner of the Construction Administration for its achievements.

GES'S CONSTRUCTED IN VELIKIYE LUKI -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 178, 29 Jul 48

The Kolkhoz imeni Stalin in Loknyanskiy Rayon, Velikiye Luki Oblast, is now being supplied with electricity from a hydroelectric power plant built on the lakes. The power is supplied to the wool-carding factory, cheese plant, school, hospital, veterinary center, sawmill, grain mill, and to 80 kolkhoz homes. The plant was built in 2 months.

Other kolkhozes are building hydroelectric power plants on the lakes. Eleven plants were built in the kolkhozes of the oblast during the first 6 months of 1948, and 23 will be built by the end of 1948.

KUSHILISHKSKAYA GES NOW OPERATING -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 178, 29 Jul 48

The Kushilishkskaya GES in Rasejnyay Uyezd has been put into operation. The GES is situated on the Dubisa River and supplies power to the city of Rasejnyay, the "Pervoye Maya" Kolkhoz, the "Skartaitishkis" Sovkhoz, and peasant houses.

CHITAKHEVSKAYA GES GETS AWARD -- Zarya Vostoka, No 150, 29 Jul 48

Construction workers of the Chitakhevskaya GES have been awarded the Red Banner of the Soviet of Ministers USSR and first prize of 105,000 rubles for successes achieved in the June all-Union competition. Every month since the beginning of 1948 these workers have received the banner of the VTSPS and the Ministry of Construction of Fuel Enterprises USSR. They achieved particular success in surpassing the June plan for construction and assembly work.

GEORGIAN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CONTINUES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 179, 30 Jul 48

More than 70 hydroelectric plants, which supply power to 368 kolkhozes and 29 MTSs, were constructed during the Stalin Five-Year Plans in the Georgian SSR. The volume of construction and assembly work to supply power to the Georgian SSR villages has increased more than twofold in 1948 as compared with 1947. By the end of the year 51 additional hydroelectric power plants are to be put into commission in the Republic.

INTERKOLKHOZ POWER SUPPLY PROVIDED -- Zarya Vostoka, No 151, 30 Jul 48

Construction of the 150-kilowatt interkolkhoz Khizeabad GES, in the foothills of the Kopet-Aga Range, has been completed. The plant will supply electricity for houses, mills, and radio sets of four kolkhozes.

In the very near future, three more electric power plants will be installed in Kaakhirinskiy Rayon, Ashkhabad Oblast.

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